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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I ask whether it is open to the Committee to fix the rates of fares also? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" Notice, Sir."

Police

Names and places of posting of the 52 Sub-Inspectors of Police recruited recently.

* 726 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the 52 persons appointed recently as Police Sub-Inspectors showing the community to which each belonged and the places to which each is posted (vide his reply to questions—Council Proceedings, pages 354 and 355, dated 1st November 1935);

(*b*) how many Vanniyakula Kshatriyas have sent their applications for this post and their names also; and

(*c*) the subject in which a candidate should pass (qualify) before the Public Services Commission, to be selected for the post of Police Sub-Inspector?

A.—(*a*) The information is not readily available and the Government see no reason to call for it.

(*b*) Three qualified Vanniyakula Kshatriyas applied for the post and their names are—

(1) M. Krishna Rao,
(2) A. Arumugam, and
(3) A. V. Loganathan.

(*c*) Candidates who apply to the Madras Services Commission for selection for appointment as Sub-Inspector of Police are not required to sit for any examination.

Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*) may I ask why the Government see no reason to call for the information asked for? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" The Government thought that no useful purpose would be served by calling for information as to where these 52 sub-inspectors have been posted."

Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" Considering that the population of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas is about 35 lakhs, may I ask why no one from this community has been appointed although 52 appointments were made? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" I am afraid I cannot answer this question. The Services Commission can do it."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" Sir, when qualified applicants are not available from this community, the Government say that qualified applicants are not available and therefore no one from this community

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has been appointed. When in this case qualified applicants were available, may I ask why the Government did not give necessary directions to the Services Commission to select candidates from this community? If the Government do not do so, may I ask why they should not scrap the communal Government Order altogether? "

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" The House is aware of the instructions of Government in the matter of communal representation. As the Hon. the Revenue Member stated the other day, it is certainly not possible for the Government to go on subdividing communities into infinitesimal fractions."

Land Revenue Administration

Extent of damage to Tanjore district due to cyclone.

* 727 *Q.*—Mr. G. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the extent of damage caused by the recent cyclone in Tanjore district has been ascertained;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House the report of the Collector of Tanjore about the damage and the remedies proposed by him;

(*c*) what the taluks are that have been affected by the cyclone;

(*d*) the following details with regard to each of the taluks that have been affected by the cyclone—

(i) the number of dwelling houses that have been damaged and the number of people that have been rendered homeless;

(ii) the number of fruit-bearing and taxable trees that have been damaged;

(iii) the number of other trees that have been damaged;

(iv) the extent of damage caused to livestock;

(v) the extent of damage caused to the standing crops in the fields; and

(*e*) the remedial measures that have been taken till now to grant relief to the ryots in the affected areas and also the measures of relief that are proposed to be given?

A.—A copy [a] of the detailed report of the Collector is laid on the table. The Government have no other information.

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" Sir, in the Collector's report which is printed as an appendix to the answer given by the Government it is stated:

'It is too soon now to say definitely about the extent of remission of revenue that may have to be granted. No appreciable damage was done by the cyclone to paddy or other crops and no special remission is called for.'

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 616–619 infra.